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**ATTORNEY GENERAL GONZALES APPOINTS
JOHNNY SUTTON AND SUSAN BROOKS
TO LEAD ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ADVISORY
COMMITTEE OF U.S. ATTORNEYS**

Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales today named Johnny Sutton to serve as chair for the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys and Susan W. Brooks to serve as vice chair. Sutton currently serves as the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas and Brooks currently serves as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. The Advisory Committee plays a vital role in furthering the Department's law enforcement efforts and represents the voice of the United States Attorneys in making Department policy.

"Johnny Sutton and Susan Brooks are experienced prosecutors who have served with distinction as United States Attorneys," said Attorney General Gonzales. "The Advisory Committee plays an invaluable role in providing strong advice and counsel as the Department works to make our Nation safer and more secure. Together, we will work to combat terrorism, reduce violent crime and drug trafficking, prevent cybercrime and child exploitation, prosecute government and corporate corruption, and protect the civil rights of all Americans."

Sutton, a member of the Advisory Committee since 2002, currently serves as vice chair of the committee. He was appointed by President Bush to serve as the United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas in December 2001, after having served by court appointment since November of that year. Prior to becoming United States Attorney, Sutton served as Associate Deputy Attorney General throughout 2001 and as Criminal Justice Policy Director to the Governor of Texas from 1995-2000. He served as an Assistant District Attorney in Harris

County, Texas, from 1988-1995. Sutton also serves on the Advisory Committee's Border and Immigration Law Enforcement Subcommittee.

Brooks who first served on the Advisory Committee in 2002-2003, and was reappointed to the Committee in 2005. She currently chairs the Advisory Committee's Office Management and Budget Subcommittee. Brooks was appointed by President Bush to serve as the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana in October 2001. Previously, she served as: Of Counsel with Ice Miller Law Firm of Indianapolis from 2000-2001; Deputy Mayor for the City of Indianapolis from 1998-1999; partner with McClure, McClure & Kammen of Indiana from 1985-1997. Brooks is the former chair of the Advisory Committee's Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee/Victim/Witness/Community Issues Subcommittee and continues to serve as a member.

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